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Candidate Information Pack

ELSA Lead (TA3)

Pleckgate High School



A message from the Headteacher

“Pupils enjoy learning and are kind to each other. They feel happy and safe and part of a caring community and trust staff to support them when they need it”.

Ofsted 2023

Thank you for expressing an interest in the position of Teaching Assistant Level 3 at Pleckgate High School.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an outstanding, ambitious and dynamic Teaching Assistant Level 3 to join an outstanding school at an exciting stage of its journey.

We are a large secondary school, part of the Education Partnership Trust (EPT), situated on the northern outskirts of Blackburn. Our school community is made up of 1350 students and 180 staff with excellent facilities to benefit both the school and local community. Pleckgate High School is a thriving multicultural community that places the best interests of young people at the heart of everything we do.

At Pleckgate everyone is committed to providing the best educational experiences and opportunities for our pupils. At the heart of the school's work is a commitment to high quality teaching and learning and achievement for all: for our pupils to be safe, happy and successful developing as individuals into caring, responsible citizens who participate fully in school life and are proud of their achievements.

Every pupil at Pleckgate is encouraged to have ambitious goals and everybody is responsible for creating a culture of high expectations and academic excellence. Our most recent Ofsted report, March 2023, positively reported *“Leaders and staff have high expectations & set high standards for staff & pupils”*. A copy of our full report is available from the school website.

We are proud of our achievements - our ambitious curriculum, our examination success, opportunities for pupils' personal development, our charity work and our community involvement. Ofsted also commented, *“Subject curriculums are expertly designed with a careful selection of the most important knowledge for pupils”*. We are committed to the pursuit of outstanding teaching and learning alongside the highest possible academic, personal and moral standards. This commitment is built upon a shared belief in hard work, self-reflection and a culture of respect and support for others.

We are significantly oversubscribed and pupils achieve positive outcomes at Pleckgate. We are proud of how staff support pupils in achieving success both academically and through sport.

As a staff member of Pleckgate High School, you will be able to take advantage of the staff benefits, available through the EPT, which includes access to both the Simply Health and Discount for Teachers schemes. We also have an Associate member of our Senior Leadership Team whose role is to work with our staff on staff wellbeing, working to ensure you have a balanced home and work life-style.

If you have any questions about our school, or the role itself, please do not hesitate to get in touch and please visit our school website <http://www.pleckgate.com> to get a flavour of what we have to offer.

To apply for this post, please follow the instructions on the 'Vacancies' page on our website. For visits to the school or any other information, please contact mwade@pleckgate.com.



Mrs Aishling McGinty
Headteacher



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I am delighted that you are considering a role within the EPT. The EPT was established in 2012 as a high performing multi academy trust and approved academy sponsor, that delivers the very best educational experience for our pupils within an ethos of collaboration and excellence.

The reduction of workload and the wellbeing of our colleagues are key priorities with Wellbeing Champions in each school and a designated trust lead.

Wishing you all the best with your application.



Sharon Roscoe
Chief Executive

Our Vision

Creating outstanding schools which transform learning, lives and communities

Our Values

High Expectations

of ourselves, our pupils and our school community

Commitment

we are dedicated to raising standards and improving opportunities

Ambition

we constantly strive to improve by setting ourselves challenging goals

Job Advertisement

Emotional, Literacy, Support Assistant (ELSA) Lead (TA3)

Hours:	30 hours per week
Weeks Worked:	Term Time + 1 week (39 weeks)
Start Date:	1st September 2024
Salary:	SCP 11 - 19 £25,979 - £29,777 (Actual salary: £18,526 - £21,234)

Pleckgate High School wishes to appoint a hardworking, enthusiastic and committed ELSA Lead (TA3) If you are experienced, enthusiastic, open to new ideas and have a flexible 'can do' approach, we would welcome an application from you.

Job Purpose

- To work under the direction of the SENDCo to deliver ELSA sessions to identified individual or small groups of pupils to support their social, emotional mental health so that they can achieve high levels of accelerated pupil progress.
- Plan and deliver individualised programmes of support for children to develop their emotional literacy.
- Delivering ELSA sessions to small groups and on a 1:1 basis.
- To support pupils to overcome barriers to learning, promoting the inclusion of all pupils by developing their communication skills, supporting them to manage their behaviour, developing independence and social skills and to take responsibility for monitoring/ reporting on the impact of class-based interventions.
- To provide supervision and guidance and learning opportunities in all non-lesson-based activities.
- Liaising with the SENDCo and LPSOs on session planning, evaluating and adjusting future session plans as appropriate.
- Keep an accurate and up to date log of all sessions and logging this information on CPOMS.
- Administering and assessing routine tests to assess the pupils as needed.

What are the job requirements?

- GCSE or Equivalent qualification in English and Mathematics at level 9 – 5.
- Child Care/NVQ/ other relevant qualification (related to education is desirable) at level 3.
- Experience of support work with children in an educational setting.
- Experience of delivering interventions to small groups of students and on a 1:1 independently from the teacher.

- Experience of administering and assessing routine tests
- Experience of delivering ELSA support and Lego Therapy
- Experience of delivering Talking & Drawing Therapy
- Experience of delivering speech and language therapies

Amongst the many benefits of working within the Trust you will receive:

- Healthcare cash back plan provided free by the Trust includes optical, dental, physio, diagnostics, health assessment, NHS prescription charges, hospital cover, discounted gym memberships plus lots more.
- 6 sessions of free counselling including CBT, wellbeing and bereavement.
- Cycle to work scheme.
- Electric Car Scheme (Salary Sacrifice)
- Access to government pension schemes.
- Free parking
- Training and development opportunities
- Personal development and promotion opportunities across the Trust
- Trust wide focus on staff wellbeing
- Trust wide Intranet to share knowledge and resources

Closing date: Friday 12th July 2024 at 12pm

Interview date: W/c 15th July 2024

Safeguarding

The Education Partnership Trust is committed to ensuring the highest levels of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and we expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The post you are applying for is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013). All offers of employment are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, references, an online search, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed.

Education Partnership Trust is also committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Incomplete application forms will not be shortlisted, if you need to discuss a reason for being unable to complete a section, please contact the recruitment team HR@ept-uk.com.

Applications for this exciting post are to be made through <https://ept.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

Job Description

ELSA Lead (TA3)

Reports to: SENCO

Salary: SCP 11 – 19

Job Purpose

- To work under the direction of the class teacher (or HLTA leading the class in the short-term absence of the class teacher), to implement planning and assessment, working with individual or small groups of pupils to achieve high levels of accelerated pupil progress.
- Plan and deliver individualised programmes of support for children to develop their emotional literacy.
- To support pupils to overcome barriers to learning, promoting the inclusion of all pupils by developing their communication skills, supporting them to manage their behaviour, developing independence and social skills and to take responsibility for monitoring/ reporting on the impact of class-based interventions.
- To provide supervision and guidance and learning opportunities in all non-lesson-based activities.
- Working with the teacher on lesson planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson plans as appropriate.
- Administering and assessing routine tests to assess the pupils as needed.

Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- To provide ideas, resources and learning strategies for lessons to support EAL and SEND pupils to make good progress.
- Plan and deliver individualised programmes of support for children to develop their emotional literacy, including:
 - Awareness of own and other people's emotions
 - Development of an increased range of emotional vocabulary
 - Management of stress, grief, anxiety, anger and conflict
 - Development of social interaction and friendship skills
 - Promotion of a realistic self-concept and good self-esteem
 - Coping with significant life changes including loss and bereavement
- Cover classes in the EAL Unit in the absence of the Class Teacher / HLTA.
- Working under guidance to provide support with addressing the needs of pupils who need particular help to overcome specific barriers to learning.
- To assist in pupil supervision and the management of pupil behaviour.
- Receiving and supervising pupils excluded from a normal timetable.
- Challenging and motivating pupils and promoting and reinforcing self-esteem.

- Supporting the class teacher or the HLTA covering the class teacher, implement structured learning activities and to assist individual/group of pupils to complete tasks.
- Support the development of pupils' literacy skills in all lessons.
- Support social communication skills always.
- Undertake marking of pupil's work and recording of achievement.
- To undertake activities to assist in monitoring the personal social and emotional needs of pupils.
- Support the development of pupils' independent learning and independence skills.
- To develop positive relationships with pupils to assist pupil progress and attainment.
- Carry out any reasonable duties, which the class teacher deems appropriate and necessary for the benefit and well-being of the pupils.
- Accompany the class teacher and supervise pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required
- Work on displays following consultation with the SENCo/ class teacher/SLT.
- To liaise with parents, carers and outside agencies, where appropriate.
- Attend Parents' Evening.
- To monitor individual pupils progress and to report on pupils needs, achievements and concerns.
- To undertake classroom administrative tasks including the maintenance of records.
- To deliver ELSA support and/or Speech, Language and Communication therapies as appropriate.
- Assist in the invigilation of exams.
- Work with the class teacher to identify pupils requiring targeted interventions based on pupil progress data and ongoing assessment of progress.
- Lesson planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson plans as appropriate.
- Administering and assessing routine tests to assess the pupils as needed.
- Provide support for pupil's emotional and social needs by encouraging and modelling positive behaviour in line with the School's Behaviour Policy.
- Assist and deliver the general pastoral care of the pupils, following Health Care Plans as necessary.
- Actively engage and supervise pupils during unstructured time and transitions as necessary for their safety.
- Prepare the classroom for lessons, ensuring resources are available and cleared away throughout and at the end of the lesson.
- Prepare and maintain appropriate learning aids, materials and equipment and assist the pupils in their use.
- To assist in providing an atmosphere in which effective learning can take place.
- To support the promotion of positive relationships with parents, carers and outside agencies.
- To work within school policies and procedures.
- To attend staff training as appropriate.
- To take care for their own and other people's health and safety.
- To be aware of the confidential nature of issues related to home/pupil/teacher/school work.

Note

This Job Description forms part of the contract of employment of the person appointed to this post. It reflects the position at the present time only and may be changed at management's discretion in the future. As a general term of employment, the Trust may affect any necessary change in job content or may require the post holder to undertake other duties, at any location in the Trust's service, provided that such changes are appropriate to the employee's remuneration and status.

As a term of your contract of employment, the Trust reserves the right to vary your hours of work and require you to work outside the range of your "typical working arrangements" specified in your Statement of Particulars. The Trust reserves the right at its discretion to affect this condition of your employment. Should this be necessary you will be given reasonable notice of any proposed changes.



Person Specification

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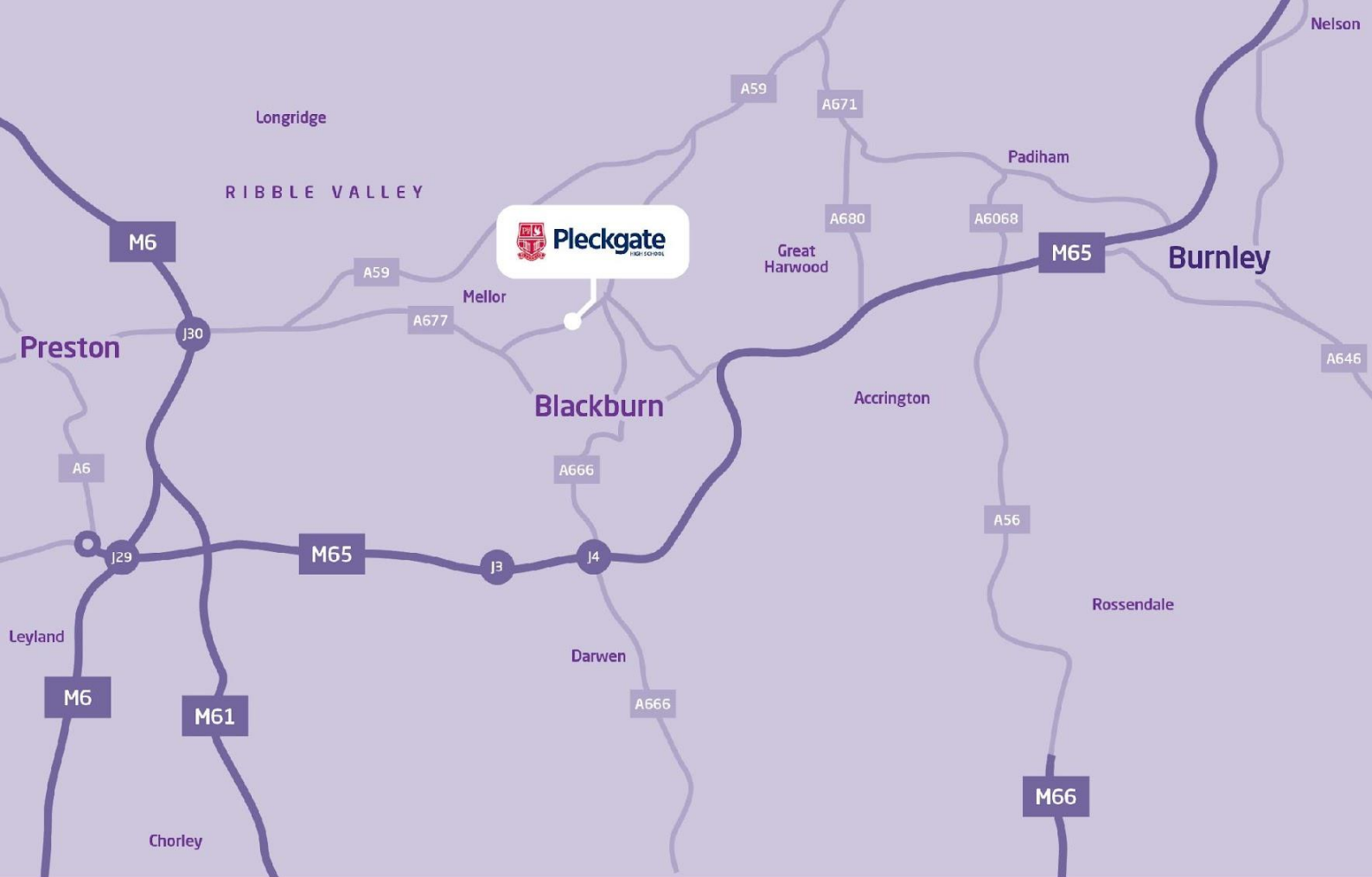
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			App Form	Interview /Task
QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE				
1.	GCSE or Equivalent qualification in English and Mathematics at level 9 – 5.	E	✓	✓
0.	Child Care/NVQ/ other relevant qualification (related to education is desirable) at level 3.	E	✓	✓
0.	Experience of support work with children in an educational setting.	E	✓	✓
1.	Experience of working with EAL pupils to develop their language acquisition skills.	E	✓	✓
2.	Experience of delivering interventions to small groups of students independently from the teacher.	E	✓	✓
0.	Experience of administering and assessing routine tests	E	✓	✓
1.	Experience of delivering ELSA support	E	✓	✓
2.	Experience of delivering speech and language therapies	D	✓	✓
KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING				
0.	Knowledge of The National Curriculum and Schemes of Work in Literacy and Numeracy.	E	✓	✓
0.	Experience of working with or caring for children of relevant age	E	✓	✓
0.	How to support the development of social communication and literacy skills, promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and numeracy.	E	✓	✓
0.	How to support the development of independence.	E	✓	✓



0.	How to support phonics and reading development including use of cued articulation.	E	✓	✓
0.	Excellent written communication skills and a high level of ICT literacy.	E	✓	✓
0.	Knowledge of planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson plans as appropriate	E	✓	✓
SKILLS				
0.	Experience of supporting pupils with challenging behaviour	E	✓	✓
0.	Ability to relate well to children	E	✓	✓
0.	Ability to work as part of a team	E	✓	✓
0.	Ability to relate well to parents/carers	E	✓	✓
0.	Ability to supervise and assist pupils, either in a group or on a 1:1 basis	E	✓	✓
0.	Knowledge of classroom roles and responsibilities	E	✓	✓
0.	Knowledge of SEND strategies	E	✓	✓
0.	Good time management and organisational skills	E	✓	✓
0.	Knowledge of the concept of confidentiality	E	✓	✓
0.	Flexible attitude to work	E	✓	✓
0.	Good numeracy and literacy skills	E	✓	✓
0.	First Aid Certificate (or willing to be trained)	D	✓	✓
0.	Is able to work as a member of a class team to support planned lessons.	E	✓	✓
0.	Is able to build and maintain successful and positive relationships with pupils, treating them equitably with respect and consideration.	E	✓	✓
0.	Can break down given planned tasks into small steps of learning and can give focused feedback on progress made and next steps.	E	✓	✓
0.	Can use ICT effectively to support learning and general administrative tasks.	E	✓	✓
0.	Can self-evaluate effectively to improve own practice.	E	✓	✓



0.	Hold a UK driving license and, after training is provided, be willing to drive minibus (desirable).	D	✓	✓
PERSONAL QUALITIES				
0.	Proven ability to listen to, understand and work effectively with all children, staff and parents/carers.	E	✓	✓
0.	Ability to speak Urdu	E	✓	✓
0.	Ability to work under pressure and to meet deadlines.	E	✓	✓
0.	The ability to foster an open, transparent and equitable culture, deal effectively with difficult conversations and conflict at every level, and to value and praise good and outstanding practice	E	✓	✓
PROFESSIONAL VALUES AND PRACTICE				
0.	Be positive and respond to situations in a calm, professional manner at all times.	E	✓	✓
0.	Be self-motivated, creative, robust and resilient.	E	✓	✓
0.	Carry out responsibilities while being flexible and adaptable.	E	✓	✓
0.	At all times model good relationships, attitudes and behaviour	E	✓	✓
0.	Understand and respect social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds	E	✓	✓
0.	Work collaboratively within a team using own initiative	E	✓	✓
0.	A high level of commitment to safeguarding, inclusion and equality in all aspects of school life.	E	✓	✓
0.	Demonstrate a willingness and ability to improve own practices and to act on feedback.	E	✓	✓
0.	Support the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher in their duty to ensure that the school meets its educational aims to deliver the best possible educational outcomes for pupils.	E	✓	✓



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